SHORT
Questions and answeres to be learned of such as be *Ignorant*, *before they be admitted* to the Lords supper.

Whereunto are added certain obſeruations neceſſarie to be knowen of euerie Chriſtian.

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WHat Religion doe you professe?

Christian Religion. Act.11.26.

What is Christian Religion?

It is the true profession, beleeuing, and following of those things, which are commanded and taught vs by God in the holy Scriptures. Rom.10.9. Act.4.12.

What call you the holy Scriptures?

The word of God contained in the bookes of the old and new testament. 2.Tim.3.16.

Doth this Scripture or word of God containe in it all poynts of true Religion, and euerie thing necessarie for the saluation of a Christian?

Yea.

Tell me then from this Scripture, how many Gods be there? 2.Tim.3.16. 17.

One. Deut.4.35. 6.4.

What is God?

An euerlasting Spirit, immortall, inuisible, most strong, onely wise. Eph.4.6. 1.Tim.1.17. Iohn.4.24.

No, because they bee no precepts but commandements.

Why?

Because I am readie by nature, to offend both God and my neighbour.

No.

No verely.

Must he needes be God and man?

Yea.

Why?

Firſt, becauſe hee muſt die for vs, and God cannot die, therefore he muſt bee man.

Secondly, he muſt ouercome death, which being onely man he could not, therefore he muſt alſo be God. Heb.2.14.

How did he ſaue vs?

As he was man perfectly righteous he performed the perfect obedience of the lawe, and ſatisfied the * iuſtice of God for vs. And as he was God, he ouercame death, and rayſed vp his bodie the third day. *1.Pet.1.19. & 2.24. Heb.9.12. 1.Pet.3.18.

Are all men partakers of the benefite of redemption purchaſed by Chriſt?

No, there are a number that ſhall haue their parte in hell with the diuel and his Angels. Mat.25.46. & 7.23. Reuel.21.8.

Who are they that haue their parte in the death of Chriſt?

Onely ſuch as truely beleeue. Iohn 3.16. Gall 2.20.

What is faith?

Faith is * a full aſſurance of my ſaluation in Ieſus Chriſt * alone. *Heb.10.22. Rom.4.20.21. *Iohn 3.18. *Act.4.12.

Hath faith any other parte in hand?

No, for it is the * gift of God, and not of our owne. *1.Theſ.5.2. Phil.1.29. *Mat.16.17.

By the outward hearing of the worde of God preached, and the inward working of the Spirite.

By the fruites and markes thereof.

The first is of GOD, the second is of the Church.

Two. Matthew 28. & 26.26.

Which be they?

Baptisme, and the Supper of the Lord. 1. Cor. 11.23.

Who ordayned them?

The Lord Iesus. Matthew 28. & 1. Cor. 11.23.

To what end?

To strengthen our faith, and to further our repentance. Luke 22.

How many things are to be considered in a Sacrament?

Two.

Which be they?

The signe, and the thing signified. Gen. 17.11. Rom. 4.11.

In Baptisme, which is the signe that we by some?

Water. Acts 8.26.

What is the thing signified?

The washing away of my sinnes by the blood of Christ. Iohn. 1.33.

How is your faith strengthened by Baptisme?

By Baptisme I am received into the family and congregation of the Lords, and am assured, that both my sinnes are forgiuen me, and the punishment due to the same. Mark. 16.16. Act. 2.38.

Why

What doe you professe in Baptisme?

To die vnto sinne, and to liue vnto righteousnesse.

In the Supper of the Lorde, which bee the Signes that may be vsed?

Bread and Wine.

What doe they signifie?

The bodie and blood of Christ.

How is your Faith strengthened by the Supper of the Lord?

By the Supper of the Lorde my Faith is strengthned, that as I receiue the bread and wine into my body to become mine: so doth my soule receiue vnto life Iesus Christ, with all the benefites of his death to bee wholy mine.

Is the bread and wine turned into the naturall bodie and blood of Christ, flesh, blood, and bone?

No, the bread and wine of their owne nature are not changed, but in vse they differ from other common bread & wine, because they be appointed of God to bee figures of the bodie and blood of Christ.

Why then doth Christ say, This is my bodie?

It is a figurative speech vsed in the Scripture, as circumcision is called the couenant, the Lambe is called the passouer, and yet

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It is not the couenant, nor the pledge, but a signe of it.

Spiritually, and by Faith. John.6.63.

No.

Children, Fooles, Mad-men, Ignorant persons, knowne heretikes, open and notorious sinners not repenting. 1.Cor.11.28. Tit.3.10.

First, what knowledge he hath in the principles of Religion, and especially in the matter of the Sacrament. 1.Cor.11.28, 29.

Secondly, whether he be at variance with Iesus Christ, or no.

Thirdly, whether he be penitent and sorie for his sinnes past, purposing to leade a new life, and to liue godlie, endeuouring himselfe to be in brotherly loue & charity with his neighbours. Mat.3.23. Rom.12.18. Heb.12.14.

Yea.

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a 1. Pet. 1. 15.

1. THat we watch ouer our hearts, & watch ouer our tongues, words and deedes continually.

b Ephes. 5. 16. Col. 4. 5.

2. That with all care the b time bee redeemed, which hath been idly, carelesly, & vnprofitably spent.

c Col. 4. 2.

3. That once in the day at the least priuate c prayer and meditation be vsed.

d Luk. 14. 13, 16.

4. That care bee had of d the poore, and reuerend good in companie.

e Deut. 6. 6, 7. Gen. 18. 19. f Psal. 31. 27.

5. That our family be with diligence and regarde e instructed, f watched ouer and gouerned.

g 1. Ioh. 2. 2. h Heb. 13. 16. Col. 4. 10.

6. That no worldly riches or care be bestowing ouermuch of the world that must needs, 7. That we shewe vp our faith by h liberality to Gods saints.

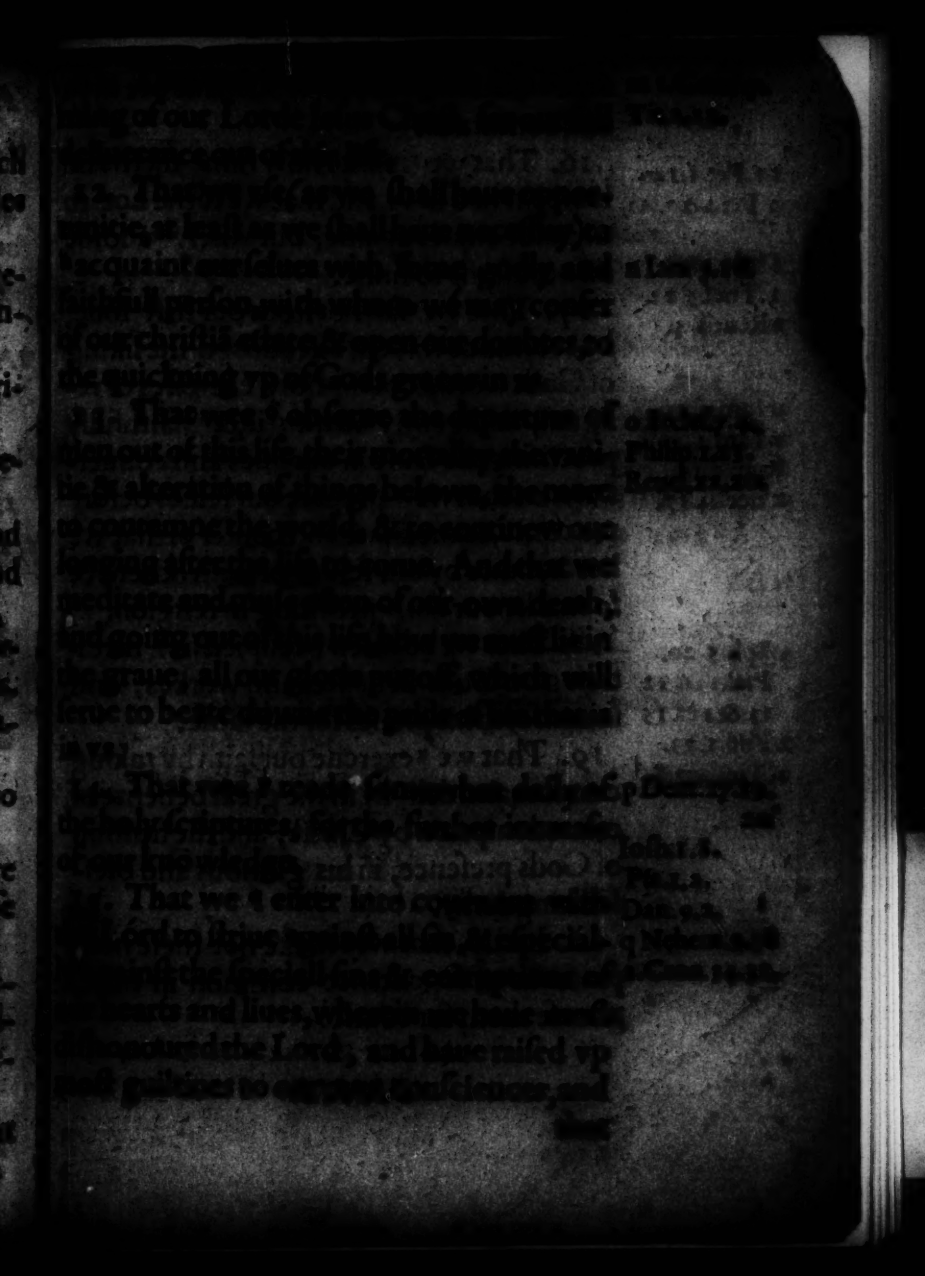
i Col. 3. 5. Eph. 5. 3, 4. k Mat. 16. 24.

8. That wee giue not the least bridle to wandring i lusts and affections.

9. That we prepare our selues to k beare the crosse, by what meanes it shall please God to exercise vs.

10. That we bestowe some time not onely in l mourning for our owne sinnes, but also for the sinnes of the time and age wherein we liue.

11. That



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